



Garrett County Department of Social Services **Newsletter**

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Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony Brown, Lt. Governor
Theodore Dallas, Secretary

From the Director's Desk

Hey Everyone, Think Spring!!!

Feel the warm sun on your face and a gentle breeze blowing! Wow, I am ready for Spring! It's just around the corner and although we may have seen worse winters, this one has set some new records like the Agency being shut down for a whole week and staff manning several shelters! I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your hard work and dedication in serving our customers and one another during 2012 and during the coming year 2013. The Agency is going through some staff changes in Personnel. We bid farewell to those staff and we will welcome new staff when they come on board with us!! The Agency is fortunate to be able to back fill these positions and I believe we have one of the finest staff and are the most professional organizations in the State!! Congratulations to each of you!!!

I appreciate your continued support for myself, the Agency's Leadership staff and the Agency as a whole. Staff members are all striving to continue our PQI/CQI journey as well as moving very well along with our Common Customer processes and I thank you for keeping these alive and well. GCDSS very well may be setting a new trend with our commitment to these efforts.

I truly believe things are starting to look better than they have for many years. Our budget hasn't been slashed and the Agency has been able to back fill positions and our staff has made many good contacts at DHR and elsewhere that have proven to be helpful for this agency. Our Advisory Board has been most helpful in advocating for us and the County Commissioners continue to support our



Director Rick DeWitt

efforts. As an agency we continue to play a positive role in the community. Your support for Breast Cancer awareness, Alzheimer awareness, Toys for Tots, and the Maryland Charities Campaign prove without a shadow of a doubt that the spirit of community and charity is alive and well at GCDSS.

GCDSS staff has many new challenges ahead of us but I am certain that each and every one of you will take these on with a renewed spirit of Can Do! I am very proud to be a part of this organization! We all indeed should be proud of our agency and Each Other!!! My hope for each of you is that you enjoy a healthy and happy 2013. Again, thank you for your continued commitment to the Agency and the residents of Garrett County.

Sincerely,

Rick DeWitt

Shelter Training Put to Use as Superstorm Sandy Hits Garrett County

Hurricane Sandy turned Superstorm was the strongest storm on record to hit the US. While much of the attention early on was focused on the coast, our own Garrett County was the hardest hit area in Maryland. Hurricane turned blizzard, Sandy dumped nearly three feet of snow on our region. The storm prompted the local emergency plan be implemented including ESF 6 – the Mass Care and Sheltering annex of the local plan. On Tuesday, October 30th I received a call from Garrett County's Emergency Manager, Brad Frantz, indicating that the Dennett Road Nursing Home was being evacuated as their back-up generator had failed and filled the nursing home with smoke. Ninety-nine nursing home residents were evacu-

ated via Garrett Transit buses and by ambulances to the Southern Garrett Rescue Squad which became our primary shelter site throughout the Sandy event. Later that same night, a new generator arrived from Snow Hill, Maryland and the residents were then transported back to the nursing home for care. By this time, other shelterees began arriving from the community. With 90 percent of the county without power many had no heat or food and nowhere else to turn. By late Tuesday the decision was made to consolidate the also operating Deer Park Fire Hall shelter into the Southern site in order to conserve resources and better utilize the staffing that was available. The shelter remained open until late Friday night. While

GCDSS has practiced shelter operation drills and has been trained in shelter operations, this was the first time a shelter of this scale was opened in a live event. Staff who responded did an outstanding job – many working long hours while their own families were home struggling without power themselves. While Garrett Countians were quoted as being a "heartly bunch" this one surely tested us. GCDSS also became the point of contact for all vulnerable populations in the county during the event and coordinated with the Sheriff's office and State Police to do well-checks on those most vulnerable in the county. Thank you to all who assisted in any way during the event.



Dennett Road Manor Nursing Home residents and members of the community at the Southern Garrett Rescue Squad shelter.



GCDSS staff members, Alicia Streets, Rick Kutchman, Barb Kutchman and Judy Bow managing the shelter at the Southern Garrett Rescue Squad.

Best

*Like the star,
That shines afar,
Without haste
And without rest,
Let each man wheel
with steady sway
Round the task that
rules the day.
And do his best.*

~Goethe

Auditors Visit GCDSS

Auditors from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) at DHR visited the GCDSS in April to conduct the Agency's tri-annual audit. The audit is conducted in compliance with the general and specific standards of internal auditing. These standards require that the OIG plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the funds recorded and reported as being received and disbursed are free of material misstatement. This is accomplished by asking questions, testing

pertinent accounting records, inspecting documents and records, and performing reconciliation. While the audit primarily focuses on fiscal and administrative functions, it includes the entire agency.

The most recent audit was completed in August 2012 and included the period of September 1, 2008 through March 31, 2012. The agency received a total of seven findings – or areas where a corrective action plan is needed. Three findings were

in Services, one in Finance, two in System Security, and one involved merchant gift cards. Risk factors related to these findings were rated low or moderate for the seven GCDSS findings.

Once the findings are identified, corrective action plans are implemented to correct the finding. All corrective actions have been implemented related to this recent audit. Garrett County had one of the lowest number of audit findings in the state.



IT Note

Group Wise will be replaced by Gmail email in the very near future. Gmail will allow for easy mobile access to your Agency email account.



Food, food and more food! Staff enjoyed a potluck celebration luncheon to wrap up the 2012 Maryland Charities Campaign.

Today's Gift . . . Tomorrow's Difference

Things don't always go as planned, but that doesn't stop our staff from supporting each other and various committee happenings within the Agency. When Superstorm Sandy blew through the area closing the Agency and canceling the Agency's Maryland Charity Campaign Happy Hour Kick-Off, staff still showed their willingness to back the cause by turning out for the Maryland Charity Campaign Tailgating Celebration and by turning in 100% of pledges by mid-November.

Staff generously gave \$4,873 to a variety of charities with an amazing total of 51 staffers earning the right to casual days in January and February 2013. Way to go GCDSS staffers!

Bringing Christmas Joy to ONRC Residents



Cards, calendars, CDs, jewelry and clothing topped the Christmas wish lists of Oakland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center's (ONRC) residents this past Christmas. And GCDSS employees helped make many of those wishes come true through their donations to residents who have no family or contacts in the local area.

As Agency staff have done for many years in the past, several employees provided wrapped gifts containing most or all 16 residents wished for items to open on Christmas morning. ONRC's staff was very appreciative of GCDSS's staff's generosity and said, "Thank you, thank you!"

*Those who bring
sunshine to the lives
of others cannot
keep it from
themselves.*

~James M. Barrie

Holiday Fun—A GCDSS Tradition



Liz Sausman and Zanea Mullenax give a thumbs-up to the Holiday Committee.

The 2012 Christmas Bash was held at Par-Matt Lanes in Oakland on December 7th. The gravy was hot, the tea was cold, and there was a lot of turkey to go around, including Kim Brady's Turkey (three strikes) in Round Two of the day. Liz Sausman was the bowler with the High Score. The team consisting of Liz Sausman, Scott Alexander, Kristie Alexander and Zanea Mullenax had High Team score. Missy Orr was our Most Improved for Next Year bowler.

For those who didn't bowl there was bingo. There wasn't a big winner in the Cash Bash; every employee received the same great cash prize. And who can forget the annual musical chair contest. Heather Bosley was our musical chairs winner for the second year in a row.

The Christmas Committee thanks GCDSS employees for their support throughout 2012.



Krista Livengood, Sue Sines, Andrea Barnard and Dawna Day enjoy a relaxing game of bingo.



Bowling buddies, Shannon Haley, Jessica Savage, Misty SanJulian and Monica Barnett



A friendly game of musical chairs to wrap up a wonderful party.



Carnival Fun Sponsored by Child Support

Child Support Awareness month is held every year in August to bring awareness of the Child Support program to the community. It also celebrates the key role parents play in providing the emotional and financial support children need to become healthy, productive and well-adjusted adults.

As a way to bring that celebration to life, the Garrett County Department of Child Support Services hosted a mini-carnival with games, prizes, food, balloon crafts, face painting and even a

"bounce house", August 16th at its office. The Child Support Clowns were present to assist with the festivities, and were available for any child support program questions.

Several community organizations joined in on the celebration, including a fire truck from Oakland Volunteer Fire Department, a police cruiser from the Garrett County Sheriff's Department and child identification service from the Masonic Temple.

A good time was had by all!!!!



Balloon sculptures were very popular!



Child Support Clowns, Tanya Kessell, Krista Livengood, Barb Kutchman and Becky Howell



"...and we may use this ax to rescue someone who is trapped." The fire truck was a big hit!

ERT Celebrates Employees and Names Employee of the Year

The Employee Recognition Team (ERT) worked diligently during the year to plan a special employee recognition day for all staff to enjoy.

This year, it was decided that lunch and a movie would be our activity. The weather cooperated that day, with temperatures in the 70s and beautiful sunny skies, this just ahead of "hurricane Sandy"! Lunch was held at Uno's with a menu of various pizzas and salad. After enjoying a tasty and relaxing meal, and some "down time" with our co-workers, it was time to take in a movie at Garrett Cinemas.....the movie choice was Alex Cross, and was a thriller that was enjoyed by all, as was popcorn and other movie snacks.

The ERT team also presented various "Peoples Choice" employee awards at a pot luck luncheon. These awards were chosen by popular vote of staff. The staff also picked the "Employee of the Year", and Jessica Savage was chosen by her peers for the honor for 2012.



ERT Staff Appreciation Day at Uno's—(seated) Tina Walking, Mike Downtown and Larry Bruch, (standing) Barb Kutchman, Rick Kutchman, Josh Hazelwood, Melissa Malatesta, Missy Orr, Shannon Haley, Liz Sausman, Theresa Kleppinger, Randy Rush, Tamra Canfield, Dawna Day, Misty SanJulian and (elephant) Scott Alexander

Golden Fork Award Presented

Garrett County Department of Social Services Family Investment Assistance Unit has been honored with the Gold Fork Award. Garrett County earned the award for exceeding goals set forth by the Department of Human Resources in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps. Four areas of performance were measured. They were application compliance rate, error rate, supervisory review (PIRMID) completion and performance on the quiz website SNAP Challenge. Acing all four earned the agency the gold. The Agency's FIA Unit has earned two Golden Forks and a Silver Spoon Award to date.



FIA Staff receives the Golden Fork Award : (front) Julie ShROUT, Melissa Melatesta, Kathleen Kirkpatrick , Judy Bow, Darla Panther, Elaine Meyers, Zanea Mullenex, Jenny McNally, Linda Ashby, Heather Bosley, Priscilla Patton and Linda Jubb, (second row) Lorena Fazenbaker, Karen Sislo, Joni Blum, Board Member Suzanne Ryan, Shelly Terlizzi, Nancy Humberson, (third row) Matt Matlick, Tom Rosser, Jackie Bolyard, Kim Brady and Wendy Sharpless

*The best way
to find
yourself
is to lose
yourself
in your
dedication
to others.*

Customer Service Award Received



Deputy Secretary of Programs Thomasina Heirs, GCDSS Director Rick DeWitt, Barb Kutchman, Director of MCDSS Kate Garvey and Director of Communications Brian Schleiter

The 13th annual Customer Services Excellence Awards Ceremony was held on October 3, 2012 at the War Memorial Plaza in Baltimore. The ceremony was held during National Customer Service Week. "This week affords us the rare opportunity to celebrate our commitment of excellence in customer service," said Secretary Ted Dallas. "It also allows us to

recognize the individuals within the Department who have exemplified the highest levels of customer service excellence."

Our own Barb Kutchman was the recipient of the award for the Customer Services Excellence Award for Garrett County Department of Social Services for 2012.

Social Worker of the Year Named

Shannon Haley has been named Social Worker of the Year for the Garrett County Department of Social Services. Shannon has been employed with the Department since 2001 beginning her career here in the Foster Care Unit. She worked as a Foster Care Worker for three years when she accepted a position within the agency as a Therapist. Shannon currently is employed as the Home Resource Worker for the Foster Care Unit.



Shannon Haley

*Each man can interpret another's
experience only by his own.*

~Thoreau

Roberta Baker Retires after 42 Years of Service



Roberta Baker has been a "household name" at Garrett County Department of Social Services since 1970. She has witnessed the growth of the Agency from its location on Fourth Street in Oakland across from the old Garrett County Board of Education site to its location on Mary-

land Highway that now houses the Garrett County Extension Office to its humble beginnings at its current location.

Roberta has served the Agency and its employees well as its Personnel Officer. Through the years she has been the lady in the know

and has kept the employees straight when it came to time-sheet completion and leave tracking.

Roberta says she is loving retirement and is enjoying spending time with her family and friends.

We wish her the best!

Margaret Carlson's Looking Forward to the Future



I have worked for State Government for 30 years beginning at the Garrett County Board of Education where I worked with Learning Disabled students both at the elementary and high school level. One of the greatest joys from that experience was helping high school aged students learn to read and become functionally literate. I think sometimes we forget the sense of accomplishment

that comes with being able to complete what many of us consider everyday/ordinary tasks.

I then worked at Frostburg University first in the Upward Bound program and then for the Office of Career Services and the Dean for Student Development. This was an amazing experience. I worked with a truly inspiring Director at the Career Services office we revamped many processes and watched the office usage grow from several hundred students to over three thousand each year. I found working in a University setting challenging and invigorating. Working with under grads and graduate level students made every day an adventure; it was a great learning experience. My daughter Stacy attended and graduated from Frostburg University and seeing her on campus made every day even more special.

I then began my career at GCDSS nearly 15 years ago and this experience has also provided its own unique set of challenges and accomplishments. It has been a pleasure to work with the Director, Leadership, and staff of GCDSS. I realize there are many amazing individuals at this Agency who strive very hard to improve the lives of those Garrett County residents

who are/have encountering misfortune. It has been a treat for me to share moments of joy and laughter and I wish you all the very best that life has to offer.

I am blessed with a wonderful family and after retiring I intend to move onto the next chapter of my life spending additional time with them. My husband Richard and I plan to travel to new and exciting destinations and revisit some of our favorite places, in particular Sedona, AZ, Asheville, NC, and many places we fell in love with in Canada. I may become a pest to my daughter Stacy and her husband Jay, with frequent calls and surprise visits not to mention spoiling my only grand dog Buddy even more. I am extremely interested in the history of my family and the Accident area and plan to continue my research. I will end here; say thank you to all of you and wish you well.

*There is a whole new
kind of life ahead,
full of experiences just
waiting to happen.*

*Some call it
"retirement."
I call it bliss.*

-- Betty Sullivan

~Margaret



Amanda Richardson



Amanda Richardson joined GCDSS in July 2102 as our new Family Services Worker, Continuing CPS.

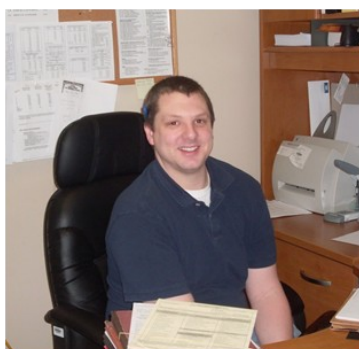
Originally from Baltimore and Carroll Counties, Amanda attended undergraduate school at Western Maryland College and was

the last graduating class before the school changed it's name to McDaniel College. Amanda attended the University of Maryland School of Social Work for graduate school. She moved to Garrett County in 2008 to start using her Social

Work degree.

Amanda has a very stubborn and energetic boxer named Harleigh. Her family still lives in Baltimore and Carroll Counties, so she likes to travel back home for them and for her Baltimore Ravens!!

Matt Matlick



Matt joined DSS in December of 2011. He began his career here in the FIA Unit as a Family Investment Specialist. Matt is a native of Garrett County, but he grew up in Florida. Matt attended the University of Central Florida.

He moved back to Garrett County in 2007. Matt and his wife Carrie are West Virginia Mountaineer fans and are enjoying their new roles as parents to one year old Mylan.

Open Enrollment

Packets for open enrollment for benefits from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 have been distributed. Open enrollment dates are April 15, 2013 through April 30, 2013.



Melissa Orr



Melissa, better know as Missy, come to the agency in February 2012 as our VOCA Therapist. She is a native of Morgantown, West Virginia born and raised. Her family moved to Oakland in June of last year. Missy is a graduate of West Virginia University with her bachelors and

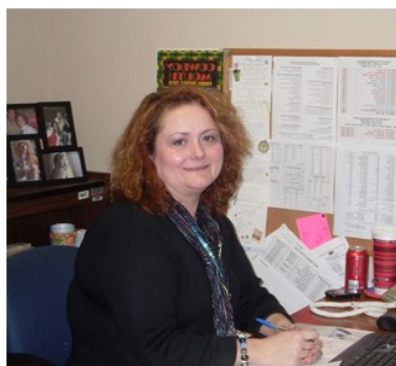
mater's degrees in Social Work.

Missy was a Program Director of a private foster care agency in West Virginia for eight years. Following that she was the director of a daycare center and then the social worker at the same

community outreach center.

Missy is married to Andrew. They have been married since 2010. Melissa and Andrew have a dog and three cats.

Shelli Terlizzi



Rachelle Terlizzi, known as Shelli to GCDSS employees, joined the Agency in July 2012 as a Family Investment Specialist. Shelli is originally from Garrett County—Red House area. She went to Shepherd University. After living away for many years in the Frederick, Maryland area and most recently in South Carolina Shelli moved back to Garrett County in July. Her "kids" are her dogs—Hook, Sophie, Scotter and Lulu. She is really happy to be here at GCDSS!

The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time.

~Abraham Lincoln



Lakyn Barnard
Southern Garrett High
Daughter of Andrea Barnard
Garrett College/
Allegheny College
Radiologist



Michaela Bosley
Southern Garrett High
Daughter of Heather Bosley
Allegheny College
Criminal Justice



Kevin Colaw
Southern Garrett High
Son of Linda Bolden-Colaw
Four Year College
Law Enforcement



Nathan Ford
Southern Garrett High
Son of Geri Ford
Professional Firefighter



Matt Friend
Southern Garrett High
Son of Judy Bow
Garrett College/
Four Year College
Business Administration



Jacob Hanlin
Southern Garrett High
Son of Dora Hanlin
Garrett College/
Frostburg State University
Electrical Engineer



Austin Helbig
Southern Garrett High
Son of Alicia Street
Alleghany College
Mechanical Technician/
Machinist



Trace Livengood
Northern Garrett High
Son of Krista Livengood
Four Year College
Education



Benjamin Rodeheaver
Southern Garrett High
Son of Lorena Fazenbaker
United States Marines
Infantry



Katie Sislo
Southern Garrett High
Daughter or Karen Sislo
Garrett College
Medical



Ethan Walkling
Southern Garrett High
Son of Tina Walkling
Garrett College/
Four Year College
Network Administration

Garrett Barnett



Monica Barnett and son Garrett

Garrett Barnett, son of Monica Barnett, graduated from Allegheny High School in May 2012. Garrett is currently attending Frostburg State University in the Business program. He also works at Sears part time as a Sales Associate.

Trace Livengood

Trace Livengood, son of Krista Livengood and a senior at Northern High School, was recently named as the Garrett County representative to attend the 2013 Maryland General Assembly sessions in Annapolis. Trace will be participating for two weeks in the House session in January and March. Trace also hopes to run for President of the United States by the year 2036, so remember to vote "Living good with Livengood" ...



Garrett County Board of Education member Dr. Donald Forrester, Trace Livengood and Superintendent Dr. Janet Wilson

Cindy Downton

Cindy Downton, wife of Mike Downton was recently elected to the Garrett County Board of Education. She has been an educator to our young people for over 32 years.

Ethan Walkling

Ethan Walkling, son of Tina Walkling and a senior at Southern Garrett High School has been selected to compete in the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair to be held at Heinz Field in April. Ethan's winning project is "The Effect of Over Clocking on Computers."

Patrick Brady

Patrick Brady graduated from Pittsburgh Technical Institute in October. He completed his Associate of Science degree in Architectural Drafting with high honors, having earned a grade point average of 3.87. Patrick completed his internship

with CJL Engineering in Moon Township, PA.

He is currently employed at Mineral Fabricator in Keyser, W.Va. Patrick is a 2008 graduate of Northern High School And attended Garrett College before transferring to PTI. He is the son of Kim Brady.



Patrick Brady

Scott McNally

Scott McNally, son of Jenny McNally, just recently graduated from the Yale School of Medicine Physician Associate Program with a Masters in Medical Science. He graduated at the top of his class and was honored with an individual award at graduation highlighting his exceptional academic performance during the program. He is currently attending Officer Development School in Newport, RI as a Lieutenant JG in the United States Navy. He reported to Yokosuka, Japan on March 13 to begin his career as a Navy Physician Assistant.

Nathaniel Walkling

Nathaniel Walkling, son of Tina Walkling, has completed the requirements for his Associates of Arts degree in Graphic Design at Garrett College. Nathaniel will graduate with honors in May. He plans to continue his studies in the Fall at the University of Maryland University College where he will major in Digital Media and Web Technology.



Nathaniel Walkling

The Key

*Study the big problems all the time,
but never to skip a small task, for
one of the simple duties may hold the
key to the biggest problem.*

~John T. Fris

Benjamin Rodeheaver



Benjamin Rodeheaver

Lorena Fazenbaker is the proud mother of Benjamin Rodeheaver. Benjamin is a Senior at Southern Garrett High School and has enjoyed playing football on the schools varsity team. Benjamin was named the school's Most Outstanding Lineman for the 2012 football season.

Gabe Alexander

Liz Sausman is the proud Granny of Gabriel Alexander. Many of you also know Gabe as the son of Scott and Kristi Alexander.

Gabe is an active member of the Garrett Hoofprints 4-H Club and he enjoys horsemanship. During the 2012 Garrett County Agricultural Fair, Gabe placed 3rd in the 4-H Clover Horsemanship Contest. He also won 2nd place Junior Showmanship, 2nd place Large Pony Mare with his mom's horse Midnight Magic and Champion Small Pony-Gelding with his pony Mystery.



Gabriel Alexander & his pony Mystery

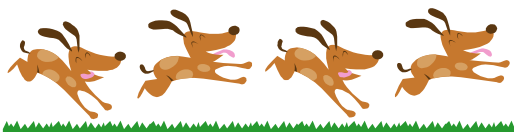
Gabe will be attending a 4-H Statewide Horse Bowl competition at the University of Maryland in April 2013.

Kolton Martin



Kolton Martin

Rick DeWitt's youngest grandson, Koltan Martin is almost 2 1/2 years old. He is full of energy, some might call it being rotten! He is very inquisitive and you better not turn your back or he is getting into something. He is Rick's best buddy and Rick loves him to pieces!



Lance Storey

Lance Storey, son of Lorena Fazenbaker, who is a sixth grader at Southern Middle School enjoys playing soccer. He was on the U12 Rapids team in the fall of 2012 and was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the year.



Lance Storey

Danielle Martin

Rick DeWitt's daughter, Danielle Martin, was the "Home-style Winner" and also won the "Laddle of Glory" for her infamous chili at the New Germany State park Chili Cook Off on Saturday February 16, 2013. Congratulations Danielle! Her father just so happened to get a big bowl of this chili and it was very delicious and spicy!!!

Nethanyel and Noah Martin



Nethanyel & Noah Martin

Rick DeWitt's grandsons, Nethanyel and Noah Martin, eight year old identical twins attended the annual Pee-Wee Football Awards Ceremony in November 2102. Nethanyel won the "Most Improved Player Award" – Yeah! In Rick's opinion, he would give Noah the "Player Who Watched the Cheerleaders Award" as he was always catching him glancing at all the cheerleaders. They played Pee-Wee Football for the Oakland Rams and were on the C-Squad. Congratulations to Rick's grandsons!!!

Jacqueline Martin



Jacqueline Martin

Rick DeWitt's beautiful granddaughter, Jacqueline Martin, is pictured at the Sweetest Face Valentine Cutie Pageant in Morgantown on February 9, 2013. She is almost five years old and she loves that she is "Pappy's Sweetie." She won the "Queen-Valentine Cutie Award" as well as winning the "Prettiest Smile Award." Congratulations Jacqueline – you are Pappy's Princess!!!

Brent and Brady Canfield



Brent and Brady Canfield Brady just welcomed their new mini dachshund, Snickers, into their home.

Brent and Brady Canfield, son of Tamra Canfield, participated in the Mt. Top Soccer League last year. They are in the second grade at Broadford Elementary School. Brent and

Jessica Bow

Jessica Bow is the 12 year old daughter of Judy Bow. Jess is a member of Service Club Basketball for 5th and 6th grade girls in southern Garrett County. Her team, sponsored by BB&T, is this year's champions. Jessica is also active in the Hand Bell Choir at her church and participates in gymnastics.

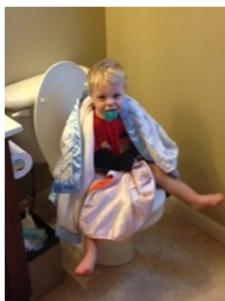


From left, kneeling, are Coach Kendra McLaughlin, Kaysi Todd, Jessica Bow, Laina Holler and Lexi Hinebaugh. Standing are Madison Richards, Avery Root, Ariel Georg, Clara Heldreth, Emilee Tasker and Coach Don Stemple.

A little and a little, collected together, become a great deal; the heap in the barn consists of single grain, and drop and drop make the inundation.

~Saadi

Brennan Savage



Brennan Savage

Brennan Savage, son of Jessica Savage, is potty training!!!

Amelia Holtschneider

Amelia Holtschneider was in chorus and has auditioned for Honor Chorus at the Broadford Elementary School. Amelia is in the fourth grade and is the granddaughter of Rebekah Howell. In addition to having a beautiful set of vocals, she plays the piano, guitar and soccer. She attends the Loch Lynn Church of God and Divine Hope Church where she plays the piano for the Sunday morning church services. She is an animal lover with 3 cats, 2 dogs, housed at Meme's and a lizard at her other grandparents. Amelia wants to be a vet, however her Meme thinks she should also include something in the performing arts since she has so much talent and no fear performing on stage in front of large audiences. Needless to say her Meme is very proud of her.



Amelia Holtschneider

Bryce Friend

Bryce Friend, son of Tamra Canfield, was a member of the golf team at Southern High School for the 2012 season. Bryce earned a spot at regional's in Hagerstown where he placed second for Southern High School. Bryce is currently a sophomore at Southern High School and is the proud owner of a learner's permit and his first vehicle! During the summer Bryce works for the Oakland Golf Course.



Bryce Friend

Lauren Helbig

Lauren Helbig, daughter of Alicia Streets, is an eighth grader at Southern Middle School. She is a dance student at Brenda's Body Shop and enjoys gymnastics and hip-hop. She also enjoys playing the piano.



Lauren Helbig

Gavin Warnick



Gavin Warnick

Gavin Warnick, son of Kellie Warnick, was selected for the 2012 All Star Tournament team for seven and eight year olds for the Oakland Minor League. As part of the tournament team Gavin participated in several tournaments in the region. Gavin is a second grade student at Crellin Elementary School.

Brayden Warnick



Brayden Warnick

Brayden Warnick, son of Kellie Warnick is a member of the Southern Rams fifth grade traveling team. As part of this team he has participated in several tournaments throughout the tri-state area. Brayden is a student at Crellin Elementary School. He is also a team member on the American Legion Little League Team, plays soccer in the Mt. Top Soccer League, participates in the FLL Minds In Motion Robotics Team, and likes to play guitar.

Theo Evans & Trenton Evans



Theo Evans and Bobert

Theo Evans, 15 year old, and Trenton Evans, 11 year old sons of Sherri Evans, participated in the 2012 Garrett County Agricultural Fair. Each belongs to the Red House 4-H Club and entered his steer in the 4-H Market Steers show with Theo selling his steer to Dr. Daniel Miller who donated the steer to Hospice and Trenton selling his to Rohmac, Inc. Trenton was also the Reserve Champion Jr. Showman.



Trenton Evans and Bubba "J"

Closing Thoughts

Which are You?

A attender or an absenter?
A pillar or a sleeper?
A wing or a weight?
A power or a problem?
A promoter or a provoker?
A giver or a getter?
A goer or a gadder?
A doer or a deadhead?
A booter or a bucker?
A supporter or a sponger?
A soldier or a sorehead?
A worker or a worrier?
A friend or a fault-finder?
A helper or a hinderer?
A campaigner or a camper?



Predicting the Future ...

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." -- Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

"Everything that can be invented has been invented." -- Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899.